

CHAPTER 645.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 81 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924), title "Public Education," sub-title "Chapter 7, Schools," the purpose of the amendment being to exempt the schools in Baltimore City from the requirement to close on general election days.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 81 of Article 77 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924), title "Public Education," sub-title "Chapter 7. Schools," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

81. The school year shall be divided into four terms, which shall be designated fall term, winter term, spring term, and summer term; and the time of beginning and closing each term shall be regulated by the county board of education; provided, that the financial reports of the schools of the State shall be made up and rendered to the thirty-first day of July, inclusive of each and every year; and provided, further, that there shall be no change in or encroachment upon the holidays and vacation set forth and established in the following paragraph:

The months of July and August shall be vacation throughout the whole State, and the following days shall be holidays, viz: Thanksgiving Day, and the day after; from Christmas Eve to the first day of January, inclusive; and from the Friday before Easter to the Monday after Easter, inclusive; and a holiday on general election days. On Washington's Birthday, the schools shall devote a portion of the day to exercises bearing on the life and services of "The Father of Our Country"; and on November 11th, known as "Armistice Day," the schools shall devote a portion of the day to exercise bearing on the World War and the participation of the United States and the State of Maryland in said war. Maryland Day, Arbor Day and Memorial Day shall be observed at such time and in such manner as the State Board of Education may direct. Provided, that nothing herein contained relating to holidays in the schools on General Election Days shall apply to schools in Baltimore City.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from and after June 1, 1927.

Approved April 26, 1927.